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Senate Resolution 1518

By: Senators Hill of the 4th, Williams of the 19th, Hooks of the 14th, Chance of the 16th and Rogers of the 21st

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commending Dr. David L. Sjoquist; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Dr. David L. Sjoquist has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for
- 3 his dedication to public service and expertise in public finance, urban economics, and
- 4 education policy; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Dr. Sjoquist has exhibited extraordinary leadership throughout his 40 years as
- 6 a professor of economics at Georgia State University, as the Dan E. Sweat Distinguished
- 7 Chair in Educational and Community Policy, and as director of the Andrew Young School's
- 8 Fiscal Research Center; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he has established himself as a eminent scholar, publishing in such journals as
- 10 American Economic Review, Journal of Public Economics, National Tax Journal, and
- 11 Review of Economics and Statistics on topics such as teenage employment, capital
- 12 maintenance expenditures, local government fiscal conditions, and the urban underclass; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Dr. Sjoquist's current research interests include property taxation, school
- 14 financing, local sales and income taxes, and public housing; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he has shown a deep commitment to public service, lending his expertise and
- analysis to the Ford Foundation, the Russell Sage Foundation, the Economic Development
- 17 Administration of the United States Department of Commerce, the Fannie Mae Foundation,
- and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development; and
- 19 WHEREAS, Dr. Sjoquist has provided legislative advice on tax and policy to Senator Paul
- 20 Coverdell, Senator Todd Evans, numerous governors, and to the Georgia General Assembly;
- 21 and

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22 WHEREAS, an active community leader, Dr. Sjoquist has served on various advisory boards

- 23 and taskforce committees, including participating as a board member of the Atlanta Regional
- 24 Commission, as a member of the City of Atlanta Advisory Task Force on Development of
- 25 Green Space Plan, as chairperson of the MARTA Blue Ribbon Panel, as a member of the
- 26 Urban Land Institute-Atlanta District Executive Committee, and as an executive member of
- 27 Research Atlanta and Atlanta Urban League; and
- 28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
- 29 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.
- 30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
- 31 commend Dr. David L. Sjoquist for his four decades of dedicated service to the State of
- 32 Georgia and Georgia State University, congratulate him upon his upcoming retirement from
- 33 the Fiscal Research Center, and extend to him their utmost appreciation for his knowledge
- and public service.
- 35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 36 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. David L. Sjoquist.